

The Applicant selects Species A referring to Figures 1-6, and 8 and claims 1-16, 19-20, 22-23, and 25-35 with traverse.

The Examiner correctly identified claims 1-15 as generic and claims 22, 25-27, and 32-35 as directed towards Species A. The Examiner, however, erred in as much as claims 16, 19-20, 23, and 28-35 also read on Species A. These claims have therefore properly been identified as belonging to Species A.

The Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's assertion that the species listed do not relate to a single general inventive concept. The Applicant asserts that the nature of the vast number of generic claims is testament to this error. The identified species simply utilize different configurations for the closing body 16 which is only a single element within the generic claims. In addition, any examination of the generic claims and Species A would inherently require a review of any closing bodies disclosed in the prior art. The examination of each would reside within a single field and would be encompassed by a single prior art search.

The Examiner acknowledges the generic nature of claims 1-15 which read on each and every embodiment. Therefore, an examination of Species A would inherently include an examination of the additional species and no burden would be generated. Reconsideration is formally requested. The Applicant requests reconsideration in light of the efficiency of prosecuting these minor scope variations together, both for the Applicant and the Patent Office.

The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement. The Applicant submits this restriction selection with traverse. Applicant

reserves the right to add the non-elected claims upon the allowance of a generic claim containing the same general inventive concept as the non-elected claims. Applicant asserts that claims 1-15 are generic.

Respectfully submitted,

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